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NEW MEXICO HIGHLIGHTS

Based on November 1 conditions, **sorghum** production in 2014 is forecast at 3.58 million bushels, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. This forecast is up 42 percent from the 2.52 million bushels harvested last year. Growers expect to harvest 64,000 acres this year, up from the 60,000 acres harvested last year. Average yield is forecast at 56.0 bushels per acre, up 11 bushels from the October 1 forecast and up 14 bushels from last year. As of November 1, New Mexico's sorghum crop condition was rated 2 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 81 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. Sorghum harvested was estimated at 35 percent complete, compared with 8 percent last year and the 5-year average of 21 percent.

Peanut production is forecast at 15.5 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 15.8 million pounds produced in 2014. Growers expect to harvest 5,000 acres this year, compared with 4,500 acres a year ago. Yields are expected to average 3,100 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but down 400 pounds from last year. As of November 1, New Mexico's peanut crop condition was rated 72 percent fair, and 28 percent good. Peanut harvest was estimated at 67 percent complete, compared with 58 percent last year and the 5-year average of 60 percent.

All cotton production in New Mexico is expected to total 84,000 480-lb bales, up 4 percent from the October 1 forecast and up 16 percent from last year's crop. **Upland cotton** harvested acreage is forecast at 30,000 acres, down 3,000 acres from last year. As of November 1, producers expect to harvest 68,000 480-lb bales of upland cotton, up 6 percent from last year. Upland yield is forecast at 1,088 pounds per acre, up 48 pounds from the October 1 forecast and up 157 pounds from last year. As of November 1, forty percent of the upland cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 18 percent last year and 25 percent for the 5-year average. The cotton crop was rated 4 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 10 percent excellent as of November 1. **Pima cotton** harvested acreage is estimated at 7,300 acres, up 2,000 acres from last year. As of November 1, producers expect to harvest 16,000 480-lb bales of Pima cotton, compared with 8,400 bales last year. Pima yield is forecast at 1,052 pounds per acre, unchanged from the October 1 forecast but up 291 pounds from last year.

UNITED STATES HIGHLIGHTS

Sorghum production is forecast at 594 million bushels, up 4 percent from last month and up 37 percent from last year. Area harvested for grain is forecast at 7.65 million acres, unchanged from October but up 19 percent from 2014. Based on November 1 conditions, yield is forecast at a record 77.7 bushels per acre, up 2.7 bushels from last month and up 10.1 bushels from last year.

Peanut production is forecast at 6.17 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the October forecast but up 19 percent from last year. Area for harvest is expected to total 1.57 million acres, down less than 1 percent from October but 19 percent higher than 2014. Harvested acreage was updated due to extensive flooding in South Carolina. Based on conditions as of November 1, the average yield for the United States is forecast at 3,922 pounds per acre, down 75 pounds from the October forecast and 1 pound below the 2014 average yield of 3,923 pounds per acre.

All cotton production is forecast at 13.3 million 480-pound bales, down less than 1 percent from last month and down 19 percent from last year. Yield is expected to average 782 pounds per harvested acre, down 56 pounds from last year. **Upland cotton** production is forecast at 12.8 million 480-pound bales, down 19 percent from 2014. **Pima cotton** production, forecast at 451,000 bales, was carried forward from last month.

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